

#26/K.T. 6/10 RESPONSE

In re application of:

NGUYEN et al.

Appl. No. 09/227,881

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For:

Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the Diagnosis, Prognosis and

Treatment of Glaucoma and

Related Disorders

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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the March 4, 2002 Office Action (Paper No. 25).

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing matter number 16491.066.